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CDC GIVES INDIVIDUALS WITH DISADVANTAGES SECOND CHANCE AT EMPLOYMENT

EAU CLAIRE, WI., July 25, 2018- The L.E. Phillips Career Development Center provides support and help for individuals with disadvantages. CDC has majorly affected one of our employees, Samantha.

She was addicted to meth for nine years and never thought she would quit. After having her house raided one time and 24 pending felonies, but charged with eight of them, she was incarcerated for five months. She was not able to see her son during the time in jail and that alone was the main reason she wanted to become clean.

Samantha successfully completed the Against Incarcerating Mothers program and has been clean for almost three years. The coordinator of AIM told her about CDC and how it hires individuals who committed nonviolent crimes. CDC happily hired her and she has benefited greatly from their services. She began in the Woodshop Department as general labor. After succeeding in this position, she was promoted to running the saw and then becoming a key. Soon after, she was promoted to a lead and is now the Supervisor of the entire Woodshop Department. Having a job gives her a reason to “get up and have something to do every day.”

After incarceration, she did not have many household items. One of her coworkers brought her to CDC’s Community Cupboard, which provides household items, clothes and furniture free of charge to individuals in need. CDC’s Human Resources Manager wrote a letter of recommendation to a landlord for her family to move from a trailer to a house. Once approved, eight of her coworkers woke up early one Saturday morning and helped her move into her new house. CDC’s Shipping & Receiving Department used their truck to move her items



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into her new home. She also is expecting a baby and CDC bought her a crib, stroller and car seat. She is very happy to have had this opportunity to work and have a second chance after incarceration. She loves working at CDC and the “amazing people I work with!” CDC has greatly benefited from Samantha’s skills, expertise and looks forward to more success stories similar to hers.

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